AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-8 and add new claims 9-20 as follows. A copy of all pending

claims and a status of the claims is provided below.

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1. (currently amended) A method for validating an electronic payment by a credit/debit card in a

transaction system, comprising:

~~a seller terminal for~~ registering a ~~sale~~ purchase of at least one article ~~or several articles~~ by

a buyer using a credit/debit card associated with at least one ~~a plurality of~~ PIN code at a seller

terminal connected to ~~codes; and,~~ an electronic payment center ~~connected to said seller terminal~~

by ~~the Internet~~ a communication network~~, said method comprising the steps of:~~;

checking, by the electronic payment center, that the at least one [[a]] ~~buyer~~ PIN code

which is provided by said buyer to said electronic payment center is associated with the number

of said credit/debit card provided by said buyer to said seller terminal; and,

~~said electronic payment center automatically~~ checking, by said electronic payment center,

with a third party whether said ~~buyer~~ the at least one PIN code is valid.

2. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, wherein said buyer has a

terminal which is connected to ~~said Internet~~ a communication network and said terminal is ~~used~~

configured to transmit the ~~number of said~~ credit/debit card number to said seller terminal.

3. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the ~~number of~~ ~~said~~ credit/debit card number which has been provided to said seller terminal by said buyer is transmitted to said electronic payment center ~~in order~~ to check whether the PIN code provided by said buyer ~~to said electronic payment center~~ is associated with ~~said number of~~ said credit/debit card number.

4. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 3, wherein said electronic payment center checks in at least one profile ~~tables~~ table whether said PIN code is associated with ~~said number of said~~ the credit/debit card number.

5. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 4, further comprising the step of checking by said electronic payment center whether the amount of said purchase ~~sale~~ of the at least one article ~~or several articles~~ is below a ~~an~~ maximum amount authorized for ~~said~~ the at least one PIN code.

6. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 5, further comprising the step of checking by said electronic payment center whether there is a prevalidation of the purchase of the at least one article ~~ordered~~ by said buyer.

7. (currently amended) The method Method according to claim 6, wherein said prevalidation of

the purchase of the at least one article ordered by said buyer is cleared after it has been used.

8. (currently amended) A system System for validating an electronic payment by a credit/debit

card comprising means adapted for carrying out the steps of the method according to claims 1 or

2.

9. (newly added) A method for validating an electronic payment, comprising the steps of:

receiving transaction information from a buyer and a seller by an electronic payment

center;

performing a first validation with the transaction information from the buyer and seller by

the electronic payment center; and

requesting, by the electronic payment center, further validation from a third party to

provide authentication for a sale by an electronic transaction.

10. (newly added) The method of claim 9, wherein:

the transaction information sent by the buyer is at least one article information, date and time of purchase, buyer PIN code, and credit/debit card number, and

the transaction information sent by the seller is at least one article information, date and time of purchase, and PIN code.

11. (newly added) The method of claim 10, wherein article information includes purchase price.

12. (newly added) The method of claim 9, further comprising the seller receiving a credit/debit card number, an article identification, a transaction time, a transaction date, and a buyer PIN code from the buyer.

13. (newly added) The method of claim 9, further comprising the electronic payment center comparing at least one portion of the transaction information with profile table information.

14. (newly added) The method of claim 13, wherein the profile table information comprises at least one of a credit/debit card number, a buyer PIN code, and an authorization amount corresponding to the buyer PIN code.

15. (newly added) The method of claim 9, wherein the electronic payment center clears the one portion of transaction information from the third party.

16. (newly added) A method for electronic sales, comprising:

receiving transaction information from a buyer and a seller by an electronic payment center;

performing a pre-validation of buyer information with a third party;

performing a validation with the transaction information from the buyer and seller by the electronic payment center; and

providing authentication for a sale by an electronic transaction when the pre-validation and validation provide authorization.

17. (newly added) The method of claim 16, further comprising determining, by the electronic payment center, whether the amount charged to the credit card number is within an authorized limit, if a PIN code of the transaction information is verified.

18. (newly added) The method of claim 17, comprising checking for the pre-validation of the PIN code when the amount charged to the credit card number is within an authorized amount.

19. (newly added) The method of claim 18, comprising sending an error message to the buyer if the amount is outside an authorized limit.

20. (newly added) The method of claim 9, comprising sending an error message to the buyer if a purchase amount is outside an authorized limit of the credit/debit card.